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## Abstract of the Disclosure

A catalyst for purification of exhaust gas includes a carrier, and a catalyst layer containing an alkali metal and/or an alkaline earth metal as an  $NO_x$ -adsorbing component, the catalyst layer being loaded on the carrier, in which catalyst the carrier-composing material contains Si in an amount of 0.5 to 10.0% by weight as expressed as an oxide. Since the inclusion of Si can suppress the deterioration of the carrier caused by the alkali metal and/or the alkaline earth metal during the use of the catalyst, the catalyst can be used over a long period.